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[Report No. 117-363, Part I]

To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JUNE 13, 2022

Additional sponsors: Ms. PLASKETT and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS

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Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Committees on Small Business and Financial Services discharged

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Post-Disaster Assist-
5 ance Online Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUBPAGE FOR TRANSPARENCY OF DISASTER AS-**
7 **SISTANCE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REPOSITORY FOR REPORT-
9 ING REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Office of Man-
10 agement and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary
11 of the Treasury and the head of each covered Federal
12 agency, shall establish a subpage within the website estab-
13 lished under section 2 of the Federal Funding Account-
14 ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101
15 note) to publish the information required to be made avail-
16 able to the public under this section.

17 (b) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY FEDERAL
18 AGENCIES.—Not later than 30 days after the end of a
19 calendar quarter, each covered Federal agency that made
20 disaster assistance available to an eligible recipient during
21 such quarter shall, in coordination with the Director of
22 the Office of Management and Budget, make available to
23 the public on the subpage established under subsection (a)
24 the information described in subsection (c), and ensure
25 that any data asset of the agency is machine-readable.

1 (c) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The information de-
2 scribed in this subsection is, with respect to disaster as-
3 sistance provided by the covered Federal agency—

4 (1) the total amount of disaster assistance pro-
5 vided by the agency during such quarter;

6 (2) the amount of disaster assistance provided
7 by the agency that was expended or obligated to
8 projects or activities; and

9 (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for
10 which disaster assistance dispersed by the agency
11 was expended, obligated, or used, including—

12 (A) the name of the project or activity;

13 (B) a description of the project or activity;

14 (C) an evaluation of the completion status
15 of the project or activity;

16 (D) any award identification number as-
17 signed to the project;

18 (E) the Catalog for Disaster Assistance
19 number assigned by the Federal Emergency
20 Management Agency;

21 (F) the location of the project, including
22 ZIP codes; and

23 (G) any reporting requirement information
24 being collected by a covered Federal agency

1 with respect to that agency's disaster assist-
2 ance.

3 (d) GUIDANCE.—Each covered Federal agency, in co-
4 ordination with the Director of the Office of Management
5 and Budget and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue
6 such guidance as is necessary to meet the requirements
7 of this Act.

8 (e) AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE ENTITY.—The Di-
9 rector, if necessary for purposes of transparency, may
10 enter into an agreement with a private entity, including
11 a nonprofit organization, to develop the subpage required
12 under this section.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

15 (1) COVERED FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term
16 “covered Federal agency” means—

17 (A) any agency providing assistance under
18 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
19 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et
20 seq.);

21 (B) the Small Business Administration;
22 and

23 (C) the Department of Housing and Urban
24 Development.

1 (2) DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—The term “dis-
2 aster assistance” means any funds that are made
3 available by the Federal Government in response to
4 a specified natural disaster, including—

5 (A) any assistance provided by the Admin-
6 istrator of the Small Business Administration
7 as a result of a disaster declared under section
8 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
9 636(b));

10 (B) any assistance provided by the Sec-
11 retary of Housing and Urban Development
12 for—

13 (i) activities authorized under title I
14 of the Housing and Community Develop-
15 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)
16 related to disaster relief, long-term recov-
17 ery, restoration of infrastructure and hous-
18 ing, and economic revitalization in the
19 most impacted and distressed areas result-
20 ing from a major disaster declared pursu-
21 ant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
22 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
23 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and

24 (ii) flood insurance coverage provided
25 under the National Flood Insurance Pro-

(4) SPECIFIED NATURAL DISASTER.—The term
“specified natural disaster” means—

(A) a fire on public or private forest land or grassland described in section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187);

(B) a major disaster declared by the President under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170);

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